



Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce

Regular Meeting – The Pond

February 19th, 2025

Meeting Call to Order:

Introductions: John Winnett, Loren Lossing, Tammy Tisdell, Cian Verbiage, Scott Peterson, Paige Moore, Shirley Ferrel, Rollo Anderson, Misty Frenzel, Nicci Ronchetti, Andrea Kent, Max Guellette, Tara Klaers, Chelsey Rantala, Renee Hassel

Approval of Minutes- January 15th 2025 – Moved by Frenzel and second by Moore to approve January's minutes, motion passed unanimously

Approval of Treasurer's Report- January 2025 – Moved by Kent and second by Winnett to approve January's Treasurer's report, motion passed unanimously

Visitors-

Old Business:

1. **Create Yearly Event Calendar-** Continued the discussion about creating a yearly calendar. Made mention of road ditch clean up, city wide clean up and garage sale and to reach out to resorts to see if they have any annual programs or weekly items during their busy season. Please send any additional items/information to Tara Klaers to continue to compile dates.
2. **Northern Beltrami County Chamber-** it was discussed that surrounding community members are interested in creating a larger chamber, however chamber members present at the meeting felt that it should begin with reaching out to the surrounding communities to see if they wanted to join the Blackduck Chamber before expanding to a "Greater Blackduck Area Chamber"
3. **Welcome Wagon-**March meeting we'll welcome Tammy Tisdell as well as the Blackduck Northwoods Inn & Suites
4. **Boys and Girls Club Update-** They continue to expand and grow, up to about 70 kids now, still completing family nights, kids are earning parties for good behavior, being kind, being a good human, if they get 50 signatures they get to join the party (pretty sure we could all take note of this and be kind and a good human a little more often these days!!). Shout out to Hero's Rise for donating a \$1 for every beverage purchased on Tuesday's to the BGC in Blackduck, so support local twice by getting coffee on Tuesday's! Good luck to the BGC team as they work on submitting a multi year grant for sustainable funding for 3 years!
5. **Duck Update-** Paige will talk to Christina to get an update on where this is at and a dollar amount to figure out what to do and will report at the next meeting, Misty is also willing to help once we have more information and direction.
6. **Membership Dues/Costs- Online payment-** Renee updated and supplied information and details on Paytrace, which would allow the Chamber to take online payments and card payments at events. It would combine everything into one, printing and emailing invoices, Deerwood as a member was very generous in waiving many of the fees including the monthly \$20 fee and \$75 set up fee. We would need to pay a processing fee on cards, less than 3%. There is a monthly terminal fee of \$30 to use the service and a one time set up fee



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from Pinnacle for \$39 to add to the website. It was motioned by Winnett to move forward and utilize PayTrace, Moore seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. Road Ditch Pick up- May 14th 5:30 at the 71 storage.
2. Other-
 - a. Woodcarvers- In the past we have helped them by using our non profit status, Paige will reach out to get what she needs to move forward.
 - b. Blackduck Golf Course-
 - i. May 18th Spring Chicken Golf Tourney
 - ii. Ladies scrambles, BGC beautification program- Last Wednesday of every month. Funds stay at the course to keep it up and looking sharp
 - iii. Friday May 30th Grill N Chill and September 26 is the last one, only doing two this summer.
 - iv. Jennifer is on board with Chamber Golf Scramble. June 20th
 - c. BDC is no longer going to pay for the ad campaign. It doesn't fit their mission, commercials, Tara will reach out to Kyle for next month and report back.
3. Add this to next Month agenda, see if Kyle come and discuss further. Chamber contributed in the beginning. ***** There's a lot of extra footage so there could be potential for additional commercials if we're interested.

Upcoming Events-

Bingo February 23rd, March 23rd and April 27th at the Pond

Adjournment – Frensel motioned to adjourn, Winnett seconded. Meeting adjourned 1:20pm

Next meeting March 19, 2025 at The Senior Center

Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce updates respectively submitted by Tara Klaers.